

Mayor's Column for May 20

Happy Thursday on what may be the nicest day of the year yet. On this beautiful day, what better to talk about than...golf.

Not that I'm the best golfer in the world, but I am looking forward to playing in the Department of Public Works tournament tomorrow at Frear Park. Temperatures are supposed to be in the high 70's, so it should make for a good day. All I'm looking to do is out-golf the DPW Commish- Mr. Bob Mirch.

My real topic of discussion this week is golf, but more about Frear Park than anything else. Over my years as a City Councilman, I heard many complaints about Frear Park, about the tee boxes, the drainage, and the lack of upkeep by the City.

With those thoughts in mind, we decided to bring in a Golf Superintendent to clean up the course and allow Frear to realize its full potential. While we still have some work to do, the early returns are in. It's a success.

People are telling me the course looks fabulous, the greens are in amazing, and everyone is having fun. In fact, we almost had some complaints because the greens are tough to play right now. My response is, it's golf, if it were meant to be easy; the ball would be the size of a baseball.

This is where I need your help. Because of all the great reviews, as well as the positives about Troy you are currently hearing, we want to get our number of rounds up. We are trying to get some press out there right now about how nice the course is to play, but we could use word of mouth more than anything.

If you are a golfer, get up to the course, and tell people who it looks. Remind them that the back nine is a gorgeous place to play, and that it was designed by one of the all-time greats- Robert Trent Jones.

Remind them that the course was named one of the best recently by Hudson Valley Magazine. Remind them of all that is going on in Troy. Positive thoughts are what we need, and I know those reading this column can certainly provide that.

Until next week, enjoy the current nice weather, because you know the hot summer temperatures are right around the corner.

Don't ever forget, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or complaints, do not hesitate to call my office at 270-4401 or e-mail me at the Mayor's Office.

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